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OPTICAL BURST

TRANSMISSION/RECEPTION CONTROL SYSTEM, HOST STATION AND SLAVE STATION APPARATUS TO BE USED THEREIN, AND OPTICAL BURST TRANSMISSION/RECEPTION CONTROL

METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert -- This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/04847 which has an International filing date of June 8, 2001, which designated the United States of America.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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